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For : HCV E2 PROTEIN BINDING AGENTS FOR  
TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to documents listed below and on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as Exhibit A. Copies of the references are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2.

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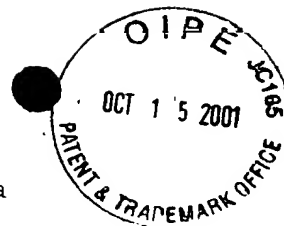
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1. Flint, et al. Functional analysis of cell surface-expressed hepatitis C virus E2 glycoprotein. J.Virol. 01 August 1999, Vol. 73, No. 8, pages 6782-6790, and
2. Gish, R.G. Standards of treatment in chronic hepatitis C. Seminars in liver disease. 01 September 1999, Vol. 19, Suppl. 1, pages 35-47.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

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